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Application No.: 09/760,031)	Examiner: Insun Kang
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SUPPORTING PROPERTY)	
VALUES AS OPTIONS)	

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Sir:

Examiner Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Kang for her time and for the courtesy extended in the telephonic interview with Applicant's undersigned attorney of record, a colleague of Applicant's attorney (Rachel Emsley), and Applicant (Dr. Robert H. Halstead) on August 14, 2007. Applicant respectfully encloses herein an Interview Summary.

At the start of the interview, Applicant was asked to explain the invention in general terms. Dr. Halstead, in response, gave a brief overview of the invention and also explained some of the benefits of the present invention.

The reference, "Object-Oriented Programming with [incr Tcl] Building Mega-Widgets with [incr Tk]," 1996 (hereinafter, "McLennan") was specifically discussed, and

Dr. Halstead explained that a technical examination of McLennan reveals that the “options” used in McLennan’s [incr Tk] language are allocated memory space when an “instance is created,” unlike the options as claimed in claim 1. In addition, Dr. Halstead explained that McLennan does not have a compiler that determines, during compilation, whether an expression accesses a field value or an option value.

During the interview, Applicant made comparisons between exemplary prior art (C++) and features of the present invention, as shown by an exemplary embodiment using Curl programming language. Applicant was asked to point out where in the claim language these features are shown, and Applicant referred Examiner Kang to the appropriate portions of claim 1.

Examiner Kang agreed to review the claims at issue and to correspond via telephone with Applicant’s undersigned representative regarding proposed claim amendments.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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